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MUST THE CHURCH LOSE ITS SHOUT?

The church is aware of a fresh move of God in the world today with countless numbers of souls being added to the Kingdom of God as a result. A revitalization of praise and worship which takes one to the very presence of God has come with this recent move of the Holy Spirit. Cold and formal sanctuaries are being warmed with the glow of the presence of Christ as praise fills "the temple". What a quickening by His Spirit is felt in the soft praises of His people.

Gentle praise and worship is certainly Bible based. The Lord spoke to Elijah in a "still small voice". We are exhorted in Psalm 46 to, "Be still, and know that I am God." The Bible records, on a number of occasions, those standing in the presence of God, struck with awe and reverence.

But may we not forget that the loud shouts of praise, clapping of hands, and loudly spoken word are Biblical plans of worship and ministry as well. On the Day of Pentecost there was a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem was accompanied by the multitude rejoicing and praising God with a loud voice. The Apostle Paul spoke, with a loud voice, to the crippled man of Lystra, commanding him to stand upright on his feet. The leper, returning to Christ to thank Him for his healing,

glorified God with a loud voice.

Many have unpleasant memories of incidents when a loud, overbearing demonstration of the power of God by a sincere (in most cases) believer resulted in turning them away from the work God was desiring to do, rather than to it. Such demonstrations give evidence of uncontrolled power, or zeal without knowledge. The damage rendered is often irreparable.

Although a vital part of man's total being is his emotions, yet when uncontrolled can prove devastating. Everyone recalls the frenzied, hysterical, half-crazed enthusiasm of the radicals of the sixties, who through their screams, shouts and unlawful acts endeavored to change the world.

But how the hearts of Americans were warmed when a capacity crowd at the Olympic stadium in Montreal shouted and cheered as Bruce Jenner raced into the stadium, in the lead, completing the final event in the Decathlon and thus making him the 1976 Olympic Decathlon Champion. This outburst of enthusiasm was proper and in order.

While we must never forget the admonition to the Early Church to "let all things be done decently and in order", may we also be sensitive to the occasions when the Lord would have His Church "shout unto God with the voice of triumph". A Church with a shout will declare to the world it is alive! [4]

General Supervisor, **M. E. Nicholls**, addressed 80 graduates of the 1977 Class of LIFE Bible College, who were licensed for ministry at the Ordination Service held in Angelus Temple on May 15, 1977. Dr. Nicholls presented the candidates to President Rolf K. McPherson, the Board of Directors and the Ordination Committee for licensing.

Dr. and Mrs. Nicholls were recently present in **Skowhegan, Me.**, along with District Supervisor and Mrs. **Howard W. Clark** for the dedication of the new church sanctuary, pastored by **Rev. Paulette Heald**. Dr. and Mrs. Nicholls also ministered in the **Gardiner and Bath, Me. Foursquare Churches**.

Vice President and Mrs. **Howard P. Courtney** will attend the **Charismatic Renewal Conference** in Kansas City, Mo., July 20-24. Dr.

Courtney serves on the Planning Committee for this conference.

Rev. Josephine Toon, Dean of the **Spanish Foursquare Bible College** located in Denver, Colo. reports that the school reopened with the Winter 1977 semester and will be bilingual beginning with the fall semester. New equipment is being purchased and a renovation program underway. Also, a bilingual library is being established.

Church growth and Evangelism Director, **Donald L. McGregor**, ministered in the Midwest District Summer Camps in Montana during the months of June and the first week of July. Director of Youth Ministries, **Dan Ussery**, will be guest speaker at the following District Camps: Eastern District (High School and College in July); Great Lakes (Junior High and High School in August); and Southern California (High School in August).

Mount Vernon Bible College announces the following new appointments to the college staff: **Stan Taylor** as the new Director of Student Recruitment and Alumni Relations; **Cathy Pentecost** as Director of Current Giving. Both are 1977 graduates of MVBC and will be working with Rev. Tom Pentecost, Director of Development.

Church Family Forums (followup to the Continental Congress on the Family) will be conducted in Toronto, Ontario (Sept. 6-9) and Minneapolis, Mn. (Oct. 11-14).

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PRESENT WITH THE LORD
Asaph Blaskowsky, Jack Krovas, Carl Pool.

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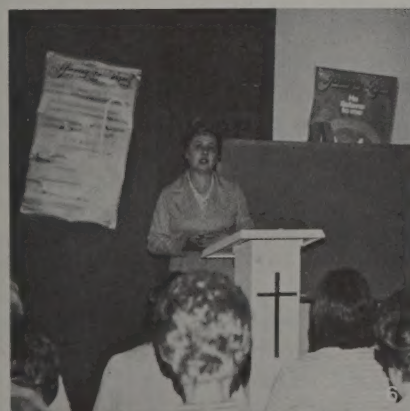
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INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:



Camera & Comments ADVANCE takes you to Portland for the 1977 International Foursquare Convention



1. Roll call, 25-Year Awards; 2. Presentation of 25-Year Awards; 3. Session inter-action; 4. Sunday Evening Service; 5. Missionary and Missionary Assist appointees; 6. Session speaker — Women's Ministries; 7. Grants Pass, Ore. Chorale; 8. Bible Colleges' Reunion Breakfast; 9. Missionary Cabinet.





a special report

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

"A Festival of Praise", theme for the 54th International Foursquare Convention, held May 25-31 in Portland, Oregon was personally experienced as 1,100 registered delegates and over 600 registered ministers lifted hearts, voices and hands in praise unto God in every workshop, session and service of the convention. Praise was truly the hallmark of this conclave.

Over 2,000 conventioners filled the Assembly Hall of the Portland Memorial Coliseum for the opening evening service as Dr. Allan Hamilton, Pastor of the Portland Foursquare Church and Chairman of the convention, delivered the Keynote Address. His message was preceded by special music brought by the Music Department of the Portland Church.

President Rolf K. McPherson reported to the convention body the following outstanding 1976 spiritual results: 216,966 converts; 35,256 water baptisms; 27,492 Holy Spirit baptisms; and 19,588 new members, the latter bringing the total membership to 299,786. The Sunday attendance of 279,978 represents an increase of 33,193 over 1975. Total number of Foursquare churches and meeting places, worldwide, reached 4,073 in 1976. The convention body rejoiced over this report as well as the 1976 missionary giving report of \$2,004,719, and \$1,292,646 received through the Foursquare Extension Tithe Fund.

The Memorial Coliseum Assembly Hall, site of the convention evening services and seating 2,200, was filled each night with conventioners whose hearts and minds were open to receive all that God had for them. Evening speakers, who brought stirring messages from God's Word, included Dr. John Firth, Dr. Harold Helms, Dr. Jack Hayford and Dr. Howard Clark.

In the Thursday evening service, Foreign Missions Director, Leland Edwards, presented the following newly appointed missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Phil Franklin; Revs. Sheila Ransford, Eloise Clarno, Rosemary Firth, Wilma Wright, Ken Goodenough, and Rev.

Mary Lou Canata (specialized worker). Missionary Assists appointed include: Dana Holland, David Parr, Mimi Hostmann, Susan Springer, Elizabeth Queen, Ellen Morgan, Jeanie Coombs, and Esther Aguayo.

Dr. Edwards further reported that in 1961 Foursquare Foreign ministries included 1,300 churches and meeting places. By 1976 this number increased to 3,287.

Conventioners were challenged by the message by Missionary John Firth on Thursday evening as he reminded everyone that all God's power is at his disposal in "unlimited provision". He further shared what God is doing in the country of Colombia.

Plans were announced by the Foreign Missions Department to release a 58 minute, sound colored film on the Foursquare work in Papua, New Guinea, this fall. A video tape, one-hour interview with Missionary Mason Hughes of New Guinea will be available in July.

Sunday services began at 8 a.m. in the Portland Foursquare Church with Rev. Paul Hackett ministering in this early morning service. Dr. Howard P. Courtney was the pulpit guest in the 10:50 a.m. service and spoke on "Praise—The Spearhead of Worship". The conventioners again gathered in the Portland Church for the afternoon Ordination service. President Rolf K. McPherson, addressing the 66 candidates for Ordination charged them with the truth that they must first fall in love with Jesus in order to minister, and it is God's love that will change the heart of man, and thus the world.

On Sunday evening the convention body and the congregations of the Foursquare churches in the surrounding area gathered, 3,000 strong, in the Civic Auditorium for this exciting and inspiring service. Mr. George Otis, author, speaker and President of High Adventure Ministries, was the pulpit guest and challenged those present with a message from God's Word that was relevant to our times. A 200 voice choir thrilled the hearts of those present as they ministered in song.

Thirty-two ministers were honored in the Monday evening service for completing 25 years of faithful ministry. Presented to the convention body by General Supervisor and Mrs. M. E. Nicholls, each minister honored received a 25-Year Award from President and Mrs. Rolf K. McPherson. Eastern District Supervisor, Howard W. Clark, climaxed the service with a message on "Spontaneous Praise".

During the Convention Business Sessions reports were given concerning the various departments, Bible Colleges, ministering bodies and committees of the Foursquare Organization. President McPherson announced the retirement of Dr. Vincent R. Bird as Director of the International Department of Youth and Christian Education, and Dr. N. M. Van Cleave as College President of LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, Ca. Words of deep appreciation were expressed by Dr. McPherson for the years of ministry rendered by these men through the Foursquare Organization. Dr. McPherson further announced the appointments of Rev. John Bowers as National Director of Youth and Christian Education, and Dr. Jack Hayford as College President of LIFE.

The purchase of the Cal Fed building, which is located across the street from Angelus Temple (Headquarters Church), was announced. Many of the Headquarters offices have occupied space in this building since its erection. Transfer of the building is to take place July 1, 1977.

Profitable sessions and workshops were scheduled throughout the convention. Mr. Douglas Roberts, M.D. of Victoria, B.C., offered outstanding teaching and guidelines relating to family relationships. His ministry, as well as that of the other session speakers, will be long remembered.

The Foursquare Bible Colleges' Reunion Breakfast, UFW and CFM luncheons and the banquet held in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Bird were special times of fellowship, where ministries were honored and shared.

The Corporate Session approved the following resolution brought by the Resolutions Committee:

To President Jimmy Carter as follows:

We, the ministers and delegates of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel convening for our 54th annual convention in Portland, Oregon, extend to you, the 39th President of the United States of America, the assurance of our support and continuing prayers.

As our nation looks with hope and expectance to our future, we would call upon you to continue the restoration of confidence in our elected officials by your example, and moral integrity in the administration of the office of President.

We give thanks to Almighty God for your Christian witness, stated clearly in words with which every born again Christian can identify. Further, that these convictions have been articulated on important occasions, both during your campaign and at your inauguration and during your

present administration have brought great encouragement.

This convention wishes to express deep concern that these United States exert strong leadership for peace among the nations, to move forward in the area of individual human rights and to offer a stabilizing influence upon the economic conditions throughout the world.

We, therefore on the occasion of this convention do hereby express loyalty to our government and confidence in your commitment to our people. May the Lord give you wisdom and divine strength in leading our nation, Mr. President. Our united prayers will continue with you.

Faithfully Yours,

The lovely facilities and beautiful new sanctuary of the Portland Foursquare Church were more than accommodating for the convention daytime sessions, services and activities. The warm hospitality extended by the Portland staff and members, as well as those from nearby Foursquare churches who assisted, was a blessing throughout the convention.

The Corporate Body elected Rev. Glenn Metzler for a two-year term to the Board of Directors. Rev. Phil Hyde was elected for a three-year term to the Missionary Cabinet. Ratification of Vice President Howard P. Courtney as a member of the Board of Directors was also received. Words of thanks were expressed to the following: Rev. Paul Risser for two consecutive terms, total of four years, of faithful service as a member of the Board of Directors; Dr. Sylvia Erickson and Mrs. Leona Williams for three years, and seven and a half years, respectively, of faithful service as members of the Missionary Cabinet.

The closing evening service was held in the Portland Church with Northwest District Supervisor, Roy Hicks, Sr., bringing the closing convention message. Dr. Hicks closed the service with a call to ministers and delegates desiring special prayer to step to the altar area of the sanctuary where ministers anointed them with oil and offered prayer in their behalf. The presence of the Lord rested upon this time of ministry in a special way as hundreds responded to the call.

The convention, which began with a "festival of praise", ended in a chorus of resounding praise as the Holy Spirit moved among the congregation on this final evening, doing a new work in the lives of some and sealing a special work in the hearts and lives of others as they had responded to the move of God throughout the convention.

Future conventions are scheduled as follows:

55th Annual Foursquare Convention

February 22-28 at Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Ca.

Chairman — Rev. Sidney O. Westbrook

Theme — "Living in God's Family"

National Youth Conference: June, 1978

Western Hemisphere Conference

November 6-12, 1978

Panama

National (Canada and the U.S.) Pastors and Ministers Conference

May, 1979.



Far left: Vice President Howard P. Courtney; Dr. Harold Helms; Chairman, Dr. Allan Hamilton; President Rolf K. McPherson; UFW President, Katie Loggins at UFW President's Tea; Dr. Roy Hicks, Sr. Above: Men lift hearts in praise at CFM Luncheon.

EDUCATION:

News from the LIFE Bible College Campus in Los Angeles



Candidates to receive Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree: Revs. Jack W. Hayford, Leslie R. Eno, John Firth, Dorothy Jean Furlong and Freda Lindsay.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREES CONFERRED

LIFE Bible College of Los Angeles conferred the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on 5 candidates at the recent International Foursquare Convention held in Portland, Oregon. Recipients of this degree include:

Leslie R. Eno—Graduated from Canadian LIFE Bible College, Vancouver in 1947 and ordained in 1948. He pastored churches in Port Alberni and Courtney, B.C. and North Battleford, Sask., Canada as well as serving as a Divisional Superintendent. He has served on the faculty of LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles, for 23 years.

John Firth—Joined the Foursquare Organization as a missionary in Colombia and continues to serve in this position. Since 1968 he has served as Supervisor of the Colombian field. Under his leadership the work has grown in the years 1954-'75 from 29 churches and 37 meeting places to 108 churches and 266 meeting places.

Dorothy Jean Furlong—Graduated from Life Bible College in 1945 and ordained in 1946. Pastorates included the Foursquare Churches of: Esquimalt, B.C., Canada; Columbia City, Or.; Emmett, Id.; and Ontario, Ca. She also served as a Youth minister in Portland, Or. and Christian Education Director in Pomona, Ca. and Angelus Temple. Serving full time on the LIFE faculty since 1957, she also served the college as Director of the Christian Service Department and currently serving as Director of Public Relations.

Jack W. Hayford—Graduated from LIFE Bible College in 1956 and ordained in 1959. After pioneering a church in Fort Wayne, Ind., he was transferred to Headquarters where he served as National Youth Director from 1960-'65. From 1966-'72 he served LIFE Bible College as a faculty member and Dean of Students. In 1969 he became pastor of the Van Nuys, Ca. Foursquare Church (The Church on the Way), and remains, at present, as pastor. The Van Nuys Church is one of the fastest growing churches in America. He is in demand as a speaker for large interdenominational gatherings and is prominent in TV and radio.

Freda Lindsay—Graduated from LIFE Bible College in 1939 and pastored with her late husband, Reverend Gordon Lindsay, the Foursquare Churches of Tacoma, Wa. and Billings, Mt. For the next 25 years she travelled extensively with her husband speaking in evangelistic crusades throughout the world in connection with the Christ for the Nations Organization which they founded. Together they edited 250 books and published a monthly magazine, which she now edits. Upon the decease of her husband, she was elected to succeed him as President. This organization has assisted missionaries and workers in over 110 nations, helping to build 4,000 churches and supplying 15 million books in many languages.

DR. N.M. VAN CLEAVE SUBMITS RESIGNATION

Dr. N.M. Van Cleave, who came to LIFE Bible College at a very important hour, has served the college well and now feels he would like to retire from full-time service. He has, therefore, rendered his resignation as College President of LIFE Bible College at Los Angeles.

Dr. Van Cleave will be devoting time to writing and speaking engagements as God leads him. "Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate his loyal service to our Organization during the last 50 years and deem his services at LIFE Bible College of inestimable value," states President Rolf K. McPherson.

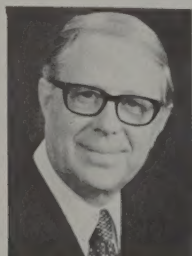
DR. JACK W. HAYFORD NAMED COLLEGE PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board of Regents, has appointed Dr. Jack W. Hayford as College President of LIFE Bible College at Los Angeles. Reverend Charles Shoemaker has also been appointed as Executive Vice President of the college.

The announcement of these appointments was made by President Rolf K. McPherson at the LIFE Commencement Exercises held on May 13th in Angelus Temple. It was an inspiring moment as the faculty, graduates, student body and guests joined President McPherson and the Board of Regents in prayer for Reverends Hayford and Shoemaker.



Prayer offered for newly appointed LIFE Bible College President, Dr. Jack W. Hayford.



Dr. N.M. Van Cleave



Rev. Charles Shoemaker

Close to 400 conventioners and guests attended the Appreciation Banquet held on May 24th in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Bird, who are retiring after completing 40 years of ministry with the Foursquare Organization. The banquet was held in Portland, Oregon during the recent International Foursquare Convention.

It was in 1928 when Mrs. Bird (then Esther Carolina Hart) accepted Christ as her personal Savior, with Dr. Bird surrendering his life in 1931 through the ministry of the Sterling, Colorado Foursquare Church. Several years later they felt the call of God upon their lives to full-time ministry, and travelled to Los Angeles, California to enroll in LIFE Bible College.

Graduating in 1937 and ordained in 1938, they returned to the Midwest following graduation where they pastored Foursquare Churches in Burlington, Parsons and Topeka, Kansas and Sterling, Colorado. In 1950 Dr. and Mrs. Bird were appointed as Supervisors of the Great Lakes District, serving in this capacity until 1959 when they assumed the directorship of the International Department of Youth and Christian Education.

A highlight of Dr. and Mrs. Bird's 17 years of ministry in the International Department included two national Sunday School contests, "Vote for Sunday School" and the "Tournament of Sunday Schools". Christian Education Day and the Saturday night Youth Rally were always highlights at International Conventions. Foursquare Churches were greatly strengthened by the inspiration and training received at the conventions and conferences conducted across the United States and Canada by Dr. and Mrs. Bird and the Christian Education staff. The National Youth Program offered the finest in youth programming. Two National Youth Leadership Conclaves were conducted at Estes Park, Colorado and North Platte, Nebraska in 1961 and 1976, respectively.

The Appreciation Banquet program included a slide and photograph presentation of the Bird family and ministry, interspersed with tributes from Foursquare ministers, family members and friends. Mr. William Greig, Jr., President of Gospel Light Publications, was among those making tributes.

The Bird children, Mr. Robert Bird, Mrs. Paul (Connie) Atkinson, Mr. Dan Bird and Mrs. Dave (Pat) Risser, were present and participated in the banquet program. A large oil painting of Dr. Bird was presented by his children to Dr. William Mouer, Dean of Mount Vernon Bible College, to be placed in the Vincent R. Bird Student Center.

Presentations were made by President Rolf K. McPherson and General Supervisor, M. E.

PEOPLE:

Dr. and Mrs. Bird Receive Appreciation for 40 Years of Service

Nicholls. The Banquet Committee was headed by Reverend Mildred Poole.

On May 14th, 16 members of the Bird family joined staff members of the Christian Education Department for a lovely dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bird. Following a program, which reviewed their ministry in the International Department, lovely gifts were presented to them as well as a scrapbook of pictures and letters of tributes from present and former employees.

While serving at Headquarters, Dr. Bird was a member of the Board of Directors as well as heading and serving on many commissions and committees. He also represented the Denomination on many interdenominational commissions and committees. Dr. Bird served as Business Manager of the Foursquare World ADVANCE Magazine, as well.

Mrs. Bird's beautiful soprano voice has been a blessing wherever they ministered. The ministry of music was always a vital arm of ministry in the churches they pastored.

The Foursquare Organization is grateful to God for the 40 years of faithful ministry unselfishly rendered by Dr. and Mrs. Bird. The Kingdom of God has been enriched as souls have been saved, and lives touched and influenced for God through their ministries. [4]



Above: Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Bird; Top—left: Miss Mary Lou Canata, who headed Christian Education Department dinner committee, assisted Dr. and Mrs. Bird in unwrapping gift received at dinner; Bottom—left: Bird children minister in song at convention banquet.



THE LOCAL CHURCH:

From Klamath Falls, Oregon: "We're living in the middle of a miracle!"



"One of the things I would not do is pioneer a church. I just *would not* pioneer a church." That's the statement Gordon Hankins made while sharing with his pastor, Reverend Roy Hicks, Jr., in Eugene, Oregon, the spring of 1972.

One year later, on Sunday morning, May 8th, he began pioneering a church. And now, four years after that comment was made, what began with a few high school students has now grown to a family of over 500 people, who are genuinely excited about the person of Jesus Christ.

How did such an about face come about? What has been happening to the Klamath Falls Foursquare Church and its pastor in these four years? And, finally, why is it experiencing the growth and life that is so evident?

After graduating from college, Gordon continued working at a mill to support his wife, Vicki, and their children, and attended Faith Center Foursquare Church in Eugene. He planned to either go into the evangelistic field (since that's what he had done before attending college), or possibly to take over an established church. Because he didn't want to put undue stress on his family and thought there were enough churches in most areas already without starting a new one, the idea of pioneering was ruled out. Meanwhile, he was waiting on the Lord and supporting his family.

About a month after the bold statement was made that he would not pioneer a church, Northwest District Supervisor, Dr. Roy Hicks, Sr. approached him after a church service and said, "Well, Gordon, are you ready to pioneer a church?" Dr. Hicks did not know about Gordon's statement, or the fact that during that month the Lord had dealt with him concerning this statement. Gordon, realizing that he needed to change his attitude and be willing to do anything God wanted, responded, "If God really wanted me to pioneer a church, I'm sure that's what I would do."

God immediately laid the town of Klamath Falls, Oregon on his heart. The idea of pioneering in that city bore witness with both he and his wife and they became more excited as they

prayed and talked about it together.

After getting the "okay" from Sup. Hicks, Gordon and his wife drove to Klamath Falls. As they entered the city, the Lord said, "Gordon, here is your evangelistic I've called you to evangelize Klamath Falls. Me." So a new work began in Klamath Falls.

The first day of his arrival, two young people showed up and said they had a group of school kids that had been praying for a pastor and stated, "We believe God has called you to be our pastor!" And things began to "explode" from there.

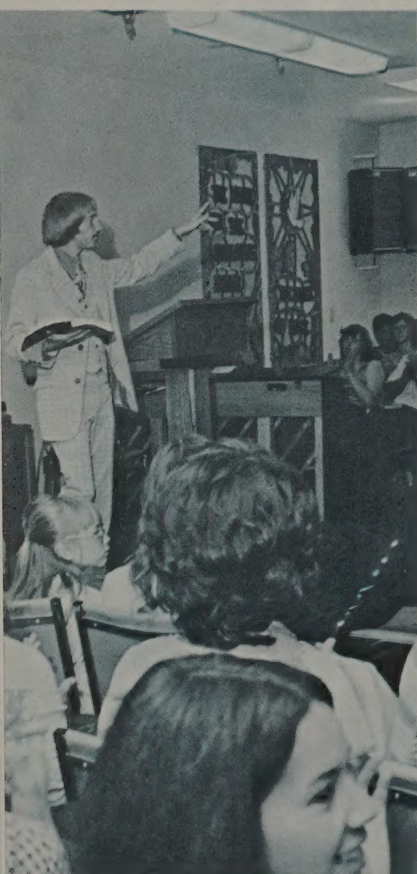
A real turning point in Pastor Gordon's ministry came when he went up on a mountain to pray. The Lord asked if he would give his life to Klamath Falls. Despite the reputation of the town, Gordon shared with the Lord that is what He wanted, then he would give his life to Klamath Falls. So, Pastor Gordon is his life to the town, along with two other members. Now, instead of being in the position of saying, "Lord, give us this community staff of the Klamath Falls Foursquare Church," he is saying, "Jesus, help us to give ourselves to this community."

From the initial meeting on May 8, 1973, with 27 persons in attendance in the garage, by March of 1974 about 120 people were crammed into space designed to hold 50 people. The church has been described as "wall-to-wall" with speakers wired all through the garage and the house.

Then, another exciting thing happened. A huge, three-story building, that was once a hospital, and which had been vacant for many years, was given to the church. Church growth began to grow so rapidly that the church was rented while the hospital building was being remodeled.

There are definitely some key factors that have caused the evidence of "life" to be consistently happening at this church. The following story illustrates some of the elements of Gordon's ministry.

A local doctor accepted Jesus as his Savior in November of 1973 when the church was located in the garage. "One of the securities" that this new babe in Christ



Pastor Gordon Hankins ministers from God's Word.



with him was a drinking problem," Pastor Gordon. Realizing the doctor was going to love Jesus more and more and had a relationship with Him, Pastor Gordon began praying for the doctor in prayer. He trusted that as the doctor grew and matured, he would find no need for his "world security". And that's what happened.

As through the efforts of this doctor that the three-story building was secured for the church. The doctor went to the man who owned the old, abandoned hospital building, and said, "I'm going to buy your building for \$106,000, and there's nothing you can do about it because that building belongs to God. So, I'll write you a check right now." In his enthusiastic zeal, the doctor added, "Plus, if you let me buy it for \$40,000, I promised God I'll stop drinking." The man replied, "You're joking? That's impossible!"

Asking price for the old hospital building was \$106,000, but through the boldness of the new-born babe in the Lord, the owner of the building accepted the offer of \$40,000. And the doctor *did* quit drinking. That doctor is a beautiful testimony — not only with his doctor friends at the local hospital, but the church has used him in many, many dynamic ways to speak to groups of people across the city, sharing the testimony of how God changed his life.

Pastor Gordon firmly believes that pastors and churches must allow the Lord Jesus to teach and convert total acceptance. "God never came to play 'Holy Spirit'." But Jesus tells us His Word to feed His sheep and 'If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto My responsibility is to feed God's people until they'll mature from 'glory to glory'. I like to see people grow and change their life style for the glory of God because of their maturity and devotion towards the Lord Jesus. As they grow in the Lord Jesus, they'll give those 'don'ts' up. We have a lot of people with problems and 'worldly' sins. We've been classified as the 'garage dump' of Klamath Falls. But where do they go? As they mature, they give it all and find their security in Jesus. It happens all the time!"

It was true not only in the doctor's life, but many people have been delivered and set free from worldly life styles as they have been given an opportunity to grow. In the last nine months, the Klamath County Sheriff and his wife, Pastor Gordon's attorney and his family, and his dentist and his family have received Jesus as Lord, and have turned to His ways rather than the world's ways. The sheriff, the dentist, and their wives, along with other new Christians were recently baptized in water.

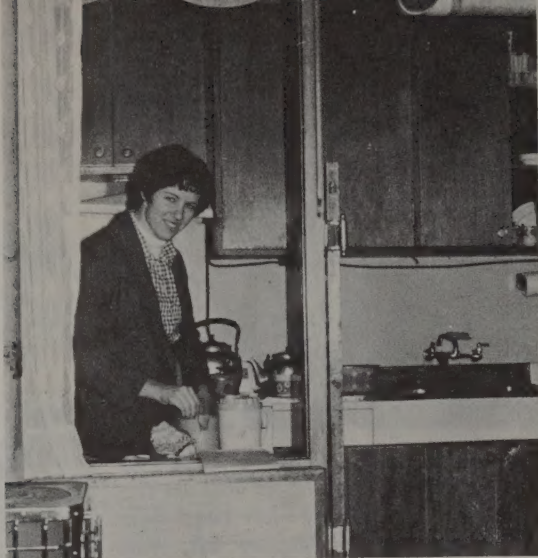
Another key reason why fruit is evident at the Foursquare Church goes back to Pastor Gordon's own personal identity and calling. Before he became a Christian, he didn't know who he was. After he met Jesus, he began asking himself, "Who am I in the family of God?" Pastor Gordon believes that most people really don't know, and one of God's main interests today is to show them who they are in His Kingdom. As Gordon began to see who he was in God's Kingdom, his life began to be revolutionized.

"New life vs. tradition" is another important key. Pastor Gordon shares, "We try constantly to keep things fresh so Jesus will never become a by-product of the church. He'll always be the Head of the church. For Jesus said, 'I will build my church'. Jesus is the life-giver. He is the One who needs to be lifted up and in the center of everything. We never want to get in a position where we've become so programmed or traditional that Jesus becomes a subsidiary of the church. There is no way structures are going to heal broken hearts. Systems don't transform people from darkness to light. You're just fooling yourself if you think building an edifice is going to make people live right. Salvation just cannot come from anyone but Jesus. That's why the sign in front of our church building says, 'Real Love is Jesus'. Everything is Jesus. It all centers around Him. And we're finding that we live in a world where people are spiritually starving to death, and we have the privilege of making a valid Jesus available to them."

The congregation of the Klamath Falls Foursquare Church is living in the middle of a miracle. God is raising up a body, a church to establish His Kingdom in Klamath Falls.



"We never want to get in a position so programmed or traditional that Jesus is treated like a subsidiary."



Missionary Assist Laurie Aldrich Talks About Her Life in Korea

"As the plane circled over the rice paddies, I continued to wonder what this next year would hold for me. I had been assigned to Korea as a Missionary Assist, but I really did not know much about that country — its life style or the Korean people. I wondered what the Foursquare missionaries would be like, what kind of living situation I would have and how I would get along with strangers.

"After landing and going through the frustrations of customs, immigration, and baggage claim I began to walk toward the door that would show me my new life. While in the doorway someone said, 'That must be her'. It didn't dawn on me that those words were spoken about me until I listened to all of the new strange sounds of the Korean language and realized there was no other English being spoken. It was good to have the missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. Harold Muetzel, there to meet me.

"They later explained what my responsibilities would be, where I would be living, and all the other areas of ministry that I had questions about. I found I was to be living in an apartment in Taejon City with another single missionary.

"Two weeks later I arrived in Taejon and met our other Foursquare missionary couple, Reverend and Mrs. Ron Meyers. The Meyerses and Muetzels, as well as other missionaries, gathered together things that we would need to set up housekeeping in the apartment behind the Headquarters Church. I began to spend time learning to do the office work assigned to me. Karen, my new roommate, had been in Korea a year already so she introduced me to the other single missionaries in the community. We meet once a week for Bible study and prayer and often have outings together.

"Learning how to approach and deal with another culture has been a very interesting, and for the most part, fun experience. I work directly with our Korean business manager, Mr. Chung, and indirectly with many other Koreans. The experience of learning bits and pieces of their language in order to function has been invaluable in helping to develop a foreign language skill. Teaching English to the Koreans has also been a help as I realize how hard it is to learn a language and how much explanation is needed.

"Life in Korea has not been without problems, like our water turned off for a week at a time, the heater blowing up, a robbery downstairs during the night, mice who like our house, etc. But as we continue to pray and do what we can, we have seen and continue to realize the victory in each situation.

"Looking back on that time when I arrived in Korea there have been many changes. But I have changed also. In Korea, as in America, I can be filled with the Holy Spirit everyday. I am learning and growing in the Lord. The Lord continues to remind me when I feel lonely or homesick (not very often anymore) that it is His will that I be here and He is still in control. As I continue to get to know the Koreans and their ways, and continue to build relationships that will last throughout eternity I am excited for the remaining time that I have in Korea."

Our Missionary Assists serve in countries of Central and South America as well as in the Orient, and provide a valuable ministry to our missionaries. The purpose of this program is to expose interested youth to the possibilities of missionary ministry, as well as providing "help ministries" to the resident missionaries. A number of those who have served in these short terms have later applied for full term missionary ministry.

Present missionaries who were at one time a Missionary Assist include: Reverends Jacquelyn Coppens in Guatemala; John and Penny Douglas in Ecuador; Glen Pummel in Chile; Michael and Lolita Frederick in Argentina; Charlotte Meyers in Korea; Mike and Sue Weilein in El Salvador; and Humberto and Teri Paz in Mexico.

Missionary Assists are selected to serve in a specific field for 6 to 12 months and while there, aid the missionaries in areas which are assigned to them. These duties may range from secretarial service, teaching and preaching, construction of churches and schools, to ministering in the missionaries' homes and assisting with their children.

Several new young people have been appointed to serve and will leave for their appointed fields soon.

FIELD REPORT:



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The first in a series of two articles on the Christian family. By Edith Schaeffer

What Is A Family?

In this day of women's awareness, dissecting of personalities, self-analysis, and the incessant asking of many questions—the question “What is a family?” is a very basic one.

No simple answer is available, nor are there merely several answers. A family is a complex blending of relationships, and an interaction of personalities, minds and emotions. It is a living mobile and a museum of memories. It is form and freedom; a shelter; an economic unit; and an endless number of things if it is as it ought to be.

A LIVING MOBILE

A family may be thought of as a living mobile, made up of human personalities. It is a work of art that takes many years to produce, but is never finished. The framework of a family gives form, yet the family mobile, constantly in motion, has freedom—for there are never any two days when any person in the family is at the same point of growth. Each individual is growing and changing in a multitude of areas—emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental. Every person in the family has an effect upon other members in all of these areas.

NO ONE IS PERFECT

No one is perfect; therefore, no relationships between two people are perfect, whether they be husband and wife, parent and child, or friends. Too many people daydream about having a perfect family, yet the perfect family simply does not exist on this earth. Over a period of time, every family experiences some unhappiness, mistakes, frustrations, sins, and need for forgiveness. Paul wrote, “...tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience;

and experience, hope” (Rom. 5:3,4, cf. James 1:2). Patience cannot be without circumstances and actions which would naturally bring impatience. This is the way to real love. This is how one learns to accept another human being who is no more perfect than he is. Learning what human relationships are all about should begin in one's own family. As one begins to be patient in times of tribulation, the love of God will become more of a reality, and love for each other will grow into a richness that could not be possible without having lived through these tribulations together.

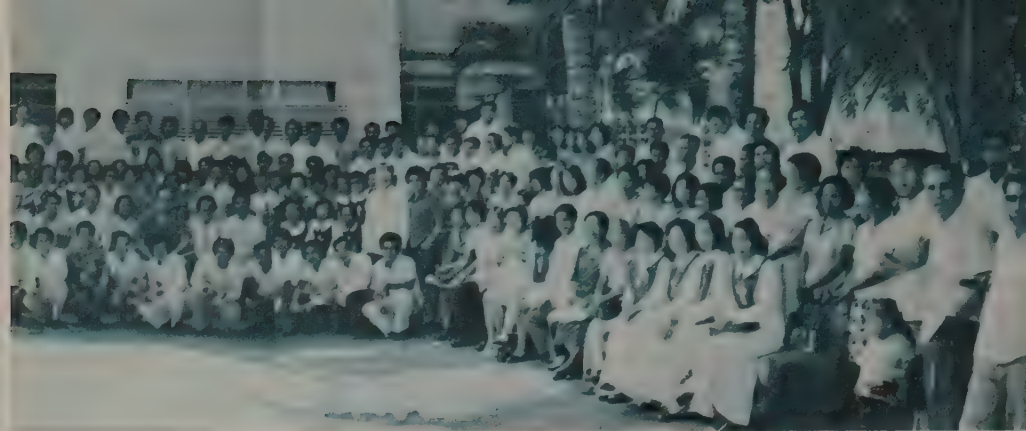
Someone in the family has to realize that it takes time, imagination, sacrifice, and planning to have communication within the family. Someone must see that the overall relationship of the family is more important than breaking up over one blast of temper, or even a series of blasts and the frustrations of a long period of time. In addition, the Christian family must be guided by the Holy Spirit—yet it cannot be expected that every member of the family will be guided by the Spirit at *all* times or to the same extent.

FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Great distress is expressed over ecological imbalances in nature. An ecologically correct environment is also needed for the development of balanced personalities. Without the proper environment, human beings will die emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually.

The Fall took place before the first baby was born. Because Adam and Eve chose to believe the lie of Satan rather than God's verbalized Word, the first family was a spoiled atmosphere for the first baby, instead of the atmosphere of security it was meant to be. Since that time, no baby has ever been born into a *perfect* atmosphere.

A mother and a father are the starting ingredients of a balanced environment. Each one is meant to contribute something that the other cannot give. Together they give their child the caring that is a human necessity. So many people, though aware of needs in other areas of ecological upsets, do not feel responsibility for their own children. They become involved in causes and careers in their quest for “happiness” and “fulfillment,” yet they do not give their own offspring the time and attention they devote to these outside activities. They are destroying the environment which their children need in order to grow. Someone who excitedly and creatively puts husband or wife and children first and puts aside her or his search for fulfillment, will probably find herself or himself fulfilled in diverse ways. As Jesus tells us, “He that loseth his life shall find it” (Matt. 10:39). [4]



Portion of composite picture of Philippine Jubilee Convention body (See story this page).

PHILIPPINES GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Golden Jubilee of the Foursquare Church in the Philippines was held March 30th, in Quezon City. In 1927 Rev. Vincente DeFante, Sr. was sent as our first missionary to this country. Now, 50 years later, the work has spread throughout the islands and there are close to 400 churches.

Delegates came from all over this country to attend the convention in the Headquarters church. Rev. Ron Williams from Hong Kong and Rev. Harold Muetzel, Supervisor of our Foursquare works in Japan and Korea, were present as representatives from other countries of the Far East. From International Headquarters, President Rolf K. McPherson and Director of Foreign Missions and Mrs. Leland Edwards not only brought greetings from the brethren around the world, but also ministered from God's Word. On the tour from North America were Rev. Leandra Hernandez, Rev. and Mrs. James Chartier of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Loop, and Mrs. Sharon Elmore and daughter Tonia.

The theme, "UPON THIS ROCK WILL I BUILD MY CHURCH", was beautifully portrayed in golden letters over the platform. Various seminars and messages were given on the need of extended church growth throughout the islands. During one service, a representative from each of the five districts gave a short

history of the starting and development of the work in that area. It was a time of great interest and rejoicing. Rev. Ernesto Lagasca, National President of the Foursquare Church in the Philippines, spoke on the final night and so ably challenged everyone to go forth with renewed vision to accomplish the task for the Lord.

The final services of the convention were held on the island of Panay in the city of Iloilo where the work first began.

FAR EAST MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP PLANNING CONFERENCE

Dr. Rolf K. McPherson and Dr. Leland Edwards met with missionaries Phil Starr (Philippines), Ronald Williams (Hong Kong) and Harold Muetzel (Korea and Japan) for two entire days of evaluation and projection for the ministries of the Foursquare Church in the Orient. This was a valuable opportunity for each to take a good look at what is actually taking place in these various countries and then to work on plans for future extension. Just recently the Philippine Foursquare Church sent Rev. Ted Sambire to Indonesia, and groundwork is now being laid for a Foursquare work in that nation. Asia has more than half of the world's population and, undoubtedly, is the greatest challenge to the Church of Jesus Christ to reach hundreds of millions of souls with the Gospel message.

DATELINE: The Pacific

New Guinea — One day Pastor Inagori was driving near the Angau Hospital when God told him to go into the hospital. God **directed** him to a young girl who was very sick. After prayer, Inagori walked back to his car, but God **spoke** to him that there was another job to be done. He didn't know where to go, but **wandered back** through the hospital from ward to ward. God urged him on.

After coming to the very **last ward** and stepping into the doorway, his eyes wandered from patient to patient. As he turned to go, a **man rose up** from his bed and crossed the room to Inagori. He had a very **serious sickness** in his stomach and it would take months to heal. There was no joy or happiness in the life of this sick man nor in that of his wife. Inagori **laid hands** on them and **prayed**. Recently, this couple attended church. The man told how God had performed a great **miracle** in his life by **healing** him and how the doctors had **released** him.

The following testimony was received from a layman in one of our Foursquare Churches writes Missionary Mason Hughes: "I was very **sick** with a **badly swollen leg** and unable to walk. I had to stay home for several days. During this time, many village people came to visit me. They talked much about my sickness and even talked of the **Poison Man**. I told them not to talk about him, but to put their **belief in Jesus** for the healing of my leg. On Saturday, I prayed and told the Lord that the next day was Sunday and I always went to church, but I could not walk unless He healed my leg. The next morning when I woke up **my leg was healed** and I walked to church praising God!"

President McNelson (left) and Foreign Missions Director, Leland Edwards (center) meet with missionary Supervisors, Muetzel, Williams and Starr in Planning Conference (See story, page 12).



A group of the young men from **Gon Village** decided to have a **prayer meeting** about **5:00** in the **morning**. They began to worship and praise the Lord. Many from the village came out of their houses to see what caused the **noise**. They thought the young men were **drunk**. The Christians told the village people who had gathered that they were not drunk but **were praying**.

As they spoke with one man, he began to **tremble** and dropped his cigarette on the ground. During this prayer meeting, **Siune**, a lad of 12 years, **prophesied** that the Lord was directing them to move out and begin testifying of what **He has done** and **will do**, and to expect to see **miracles**.

DATELINE: Latin America

Panama — Missionary Edgar Coombs reports that Panama City has been experiencing a **wave of violence and crime**. During the middle of the morning hours, he was set upon by two men. When the first one grabbed for his billfold, Rev. Coombs managed to grab the man's arm and yell. The other man took him by the throat and wrestled him to the ground. When the men looked up and saw a good number of people running toward them, they gave up and ran away. Rev. Coombs is **praising the Lord** that no permanent physical damage resulted and they didn't succeed in getting his

papers or money. They are praying that the Lord will **convert the souls** of these men and change their ways of living. The men live near the church, so they are trusting that they will soon be reached through the Gospel message.

Colombia—God performed a **miracle** on a boy who had been on **drugs for 12 years**. When he was brought to Rev. and Mrs. John Firth, Four-square missionaries, his **mind** was quite **dull** and he seemed to have no interest in anything. His father had put him out of the house, but his sister, a fine Christian, took him in and was **praying and fasting** for him. Rev. and Mrs. Firth prayed and three weeks later when the boy returned, they hardly recognized him. He was **clean, well-dressed, smiling** and his **mind** was **clear**. When asked about the drugs, he said that from the day he was **prayed for** he lost all desire for them and had experienced no withdrawal symptoms. He is now **working** and earning his living and helping his sister.

The same day this boy returned, a poor, **young woman**—completely **insane**, was brought **for prayer**. Her husband and seven from her church accompanied her, all upholding her in prayer. As our missionaries laid hands on her and commanded the **spirit** of insanity **to leave**, she let out a **scream** and was made **perfectly whole**. She asked, "What has happened?" When asked how she felt, she replied, "Fine. Those tormenting things in my head have all gone." Weeping with joy she began to thank and **praise the Lord**.

Tresa and her husband, who is a civil engineer, came to Bucaramanga in 1975. Tresa, suffering from **cancer** of the **spine**, had a deep longing for the reality of the Christian life. She sought God, and as a result, had a real **en-**

counter with the Lord. As she was in the very presence of the Lord in praise and meditation, she felt the Hand of God touch her spine. She was **healed** completely of the cancer and has been filled with the Holy Spirit. Both she and her husband are now assisting in the Bucaramanga Church.

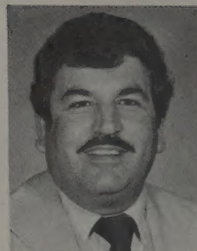
In Bogota, work was completed on a new church in a **new suburb**, but with **no home** for the pastor. On either side of the church were **lots** with houses on them, but the lots were not for sale. The people went to prayer. A month later, the owner of the larger lot phoned saying he would sell the lot for 60,000 pesos (approximately \$2,000). The church offered 45,000 pesos, but the offer was rejected. The people went back to **prayer**. A month later, the owner phoned saying he would sell for 47,000 pesos. The owner was told to begin the paper work for the sale. Although the church had no money, they felt **God was in the move**. Just two hours after closing the sale, a **letter** was received from Reverend Sigilfredo Silva, pastor of the Barranquilla Church, saying the church wanted to show their love by sending a Christmas gift for this district. Enclosed was a check for **50,000 pesos**. They knew nothing of the need or the desire to buy property. It was the Lord Who led them! [4]



Final service of Philippine Convention held in Iloilo (See story, page 12).

District Missionary Giving

District	Jan.-May, 1977
Angelus Temple	\$54,087.50
Eastern	51,007.87
Eastern Canada	2,629.53
Great Lakes	58,613.18
Midwest	59,244.16
Northwest	86,553.66
South Central	29,329.97
Southeast	23,139.10
So. California	85,809.92
Southwest	79,640.62
Western	53,698.11
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Peace Through Prayer

Philippians 4:6,7 — "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In the Kingdom of God (of which all believers are *now* a part), prayer is communing with the King, Himself! It includes our confessing, praising, adoring, seeking, asking, knocking, binding, loosing, praying in the Spirit — all kinds of prayer.

Jesus taught the disciples to pray — to communicate with the Father. Jesus, Himself, prayed, often going into a place to be alone as He waited upon His Father. Prayer has always preceded the working of miracles. Prayer with faith moves mountains.

The individual in God's family has a desire to love God and to express this love. There is the desire to know peace and rest — a desire to experientially know that warm, comfortable security that comes with God's abiding presence. Again, prayer is the communion that makes it possible.

As Paul wrote to the Philippians, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, he must have known that of which he spoke. In Philippians 4:6,7 he prescribes with power and authority, and yet with beauty and simplicity, the prayer-style of the believer and the outcome of it. We are to "*Be careful for nothing*", meaning that in any situation, there *can be* an absence of anxiety, or that which would distract us from our goal. This would happen as a result of our doing certain things.

"*In everything*" — in every situation we are

to "*let our requests be made known unto God*". We go to the Father! We declare our needs "*by prayer and supplication*". Our attitude before, during and after the request is to be one of "*thanksgiving*", our expressed gratitude.

Thanksgiving expresses our knowledge of the One to Whom we are speaking and our knowledge of His promises. It is also a further expression of our confidence or faith in Him. When faith is exercised in thanking God for that for which we prayed, there comes to us, personally, that "*peace of God, which passeth all understanding*", which "*shall keep your hearts and minds*".

There will be that quietness and rest in both the inner man and in the mind which will surpass all understanding. It will be miraculous. The peace of God will guard, protect and watch over our hearts and minds. This is God's peace. And it will all happen "*through Christ Jesus*", for in Him all the promises of God are in the affirmative and are done.

The world is seeking peace, and yet can know no real peace apart from Him. Many in the church desire peace, yet lack it because they often do not come to God with their requests and in an attitude and expression of thanksgiving. BUT GOD HAS SPOKEN! We can have peace that passes all understanding while God gloriously brings to pass that for which we have prayed.

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Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College will swing open its doors on August 21st for the Fall semester.

We urge those interested to contact the College of their choice as soon as possible.

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RAYMOND COX:

current & events comments

The media keeps regaling the public with presentations ballyhooing the ridiculous proposition that "gods from outer space" arrived on earth via spaceships and master-minded projects with facets which baffle science to this day, like the construction of the pyramids of Egypt, the building of Baalbek in Lebanon, arts of embalming and mummification, and other marvels of antiquity which authorities find impossible to explain.

Unfortunately, Cliff Wilson's book, "Crash Go the Chariots" hasn't commanded circulation comparable to Erich Von Daniken's "Chariots of the Gods," else the preposterous notions would have become the laughing stock they deserve to be. Most books, films and articles reflecting the heavenly visitors' propaganda misquote or misrepresent their sources. Especially is this true when they subpoena the Scriptures to support their theories.

In order to reject such pseudoscience or science fiction, we do not have to substitute a provable explanation for ancient mysteries. However, there is no way of knowing how much human progress and knowledge—even

technological breakthroughs equal or superior to our own—were lost to mankind at the flood and/or the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel.

While self-styled authorities construct their cases with a conglomeration of *non sequiturs*, almost all concede that the "gods from space" abandoned earth, ages ago, scared off by a series of natural cataclysms and calamities, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and the like. Some *gods*, those were! Such "deities" seem inferior even to Baal, whom Elijah ridiculed for not making an appearance at the contest with Jehovah on Mount Carmel: "Either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awakened" (1 Kings 18:27).

While II Thessalonians 2:11 pertains directly to the deceptions of the future Anti-Christ, the same incredible situation persists in the matter under discussion. "Authorities" who style themselves too "intelligent" to believe the Bible and its one Almighty God, manage to clone an intellect capable of stomaching "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." So nonsense as well as knowledge is being increased in these last days" (cf. Dan. 12:4). Meanwhile, Christian believers worship and fellowship an omnipresent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons forever, Creator of all things and Redeemer from all sin. Moreover, when Jesus Christ returns to earth in person, He won't need a spaceship. [4]



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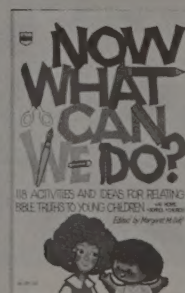
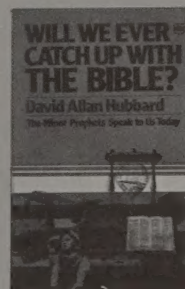
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Will We Ever Catch Up With The Bible? by David A. Hubbard, Regal, \$2.95.

From this contemporary look at the Minor Prophets, the author sharpens the fuzzy picture many have of the Minor Prophets by a concise and thorough presentation of the social and theological issues facing each prophet. These issues are the very same problems that plague and puzzle modern man. This book is ideally suited for study purposes.

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